

Please add the following claims:

83. (new) A filter assembly, comprising:

(a) a housing having an inlet and an outlet; and

(b) at least one media disposed within the housing between the inlet and the outlet;

wherein the filter assembly is adapted to detachably attach to a spray attachment having a spray head and a spray hose assembly having at least one spray hose and a spray hose coupling;

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wherein the media comprises at least one uniform region of substantially pure copper, the copper media having a particle size of about 120 mesh and a density of about 3.5 grams per cubic centimeter.

84. (new) The filter assembly of Claim 83 wherein the copper media extends to at least about one-half of the space within the housing.

85. (new) The filter assembly of Claim 83 wherein the inlet is configured to detachably attach to a hose shank in a faucet assembly.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended its claims as above. The limitations regarding the substantially pure copper filter media tracks the subject matter from U.S. Ser. No. 09/736,637, which has been recently allowed by the examiner. This application is commonly owned with 09/736,637, and this application claims priority thereto and incorporates it by reference. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the examiner's prior art rejections are now moot in view of these amendments.